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Socialist Movement Among Youth of Germany

By REV. PAUL HOHENEMSER, Berlin

"Who has the youth has the future." In the realization of this fact, the committee of all lands have, of late years, been starting movements to win the youth for the principles and ideals of Socialism. The result has risen to such dimensions that in the offices of the international movement in Brussels a special department for the youth has been created. In Germany this work for the youth has probably progressed further than in any other land. It is less than ten years since Karl Peters, then only an apprentice, founded the first Socialist club for youth, but already the movement has progressed to the point where it is the cause of a great socialist organization, the "Youth" in Berlin (Germany) and other cities. [illegible] in Germany, an enemy [illegible] the purposes of organization and agitation and the German Socialist movement for the youth became military.

But the police have kept up a constant persecution of the movement. For example: A young man ventured to lead one of the clubs here in Berlin while he was in his senior year in high school. The police caught this club singing some funny songs about how if you insulted once, you were whipped, if twice you went to prison, etc., and a few more such which reflected upon the dignity and integrity of the upholders of the present order of society. So he as leader was arrested, tried and convicted of political agitation among the youth. The sentence was not heavy. (Germany is not Russia.) But because he had been in jail and convicted before a court of justice (?) he was refused his high school diploma. This necessitates his serving three years in the army instead of one, and prevents him from ever going to a German university, as he had planned to do. The police have forbidden the clubs absolutely in many places, parts among them.

But in spite of the police the movement spreads. "Die Arbeiter Jugend," the official organ of the movement, has already over 70,000 subscribers (over 11,000 in Berlin alone). There are no less than 464 clubs in 300 different towns and cities. One hundred and fifty-seven of these have their own rooms.

When one drops into such a club room, he might imagine he was in a Y. M. C. A. or similar institution. There is a [illegible] an office [illegible] a library. The young [illegible] of the [illegible] all [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

A SOCIALIST QUIZ

By HARVEY P. MOYER

U. S. A. ARE NOT SOCIALISTS NECESSARILY ALARMED OVER THE PRESENT SOCIAL SYSTEM AND UNJUSTLY SENSITIVE IN THEIR DENUNCIATION OF ITS EVILS?

If but a fraction of what the Socialists and other sociologists say about the present social system is true, there would be ample justification for overthrowing this system and substituting therefor an ideal social system wherein hardship and involuntary suffering would be impossible, and wherein all would receive their just shares of Nature's bounties to which each and all are entitled by virtue of their equally involuntary membership in the human family, provided only reader to mankind at large in best service. If for no other reason, Socialism should be welcomed and speedily inaugurated because it is the most systematic, scientific and best possible social system so far developed to safeguard this heavenly and promote the welfare of all the people.

But when we realize that even the Socialists themselves tell us they have never been told of the injustice, grief and oppression of the poverty, vice and crime, the direct results of our present distorted economic system, it is small wonder that [illegible]

[illegible] is not a condition existing [illegible] who is now absolutely sure of a job for any length of time nor of wages sufficient to support his family in decency! Nor has the laborer any right or power to compel his employment under this system. Hence, the awful, ever-increasing standing army of the unemployed, averaging the year around over 1,500,000 people, according to Carroll D. Wright, late U. S. Labor Commissioner. Indeed, Mr. Wright states in his 10th annual labor report that only 30.19 per cent of labor in the United States is employed all the year around, leaving 69.81 per cent, very nearly one-half of all the people, employed only part of the time,—a most fearful commentary on our vaunted "Prosperity" and a sure preventative of high wages or of the success of strikes.

And not only is our present social system unable to solve this awful problem of the unemployed, the fertile source of so much woe, sorrow and crime, but, because of the inherent weakness of this system in not being able to practically utilize the ever-increasing army of laborers who are losing their jobs through the invention of labor saving machinery, through the extension of combinations and consolidations, or because of the substitution of cheaper foreign labor or that of cheaper woman and child labor made possible by modern economic machinery, this army of unemployed workers is [illegible] from year to year, [illegible] [illegible] soon reach the appalling number of 10,000,000.

Nor is this terrible army of the unemployed recruited alone from the laboring mass. Every profession and every business is daily adding large numbers to its list. For it must be remembered that under this present unscientific social system, no man is absolutely sure of anything. There is not one professional man, not one business man, merchant or manufacturer, absolutely sure of a permanent profitable trade or business. There are a thousand things that may "happen" over night and hurl the best man from prosperity's heights to poverty's abyss.

The well accepted fact vouched for by our highest financial authorities that 95 per cent of our business men "fail" is absolute proof that as a system of finance our present business system is a guerilla force. Supposedly "safe investments" impoverish men every day. In six months, from January 1st to July 1, 1904, the failure of thirty-four national banks swallowed up over $30,000,000 of the people's deposits; and, in like fashion, about Amalgamated Copper, according to Thomas Lawson, $100,000,000 of the people's savings went out in less than five years. While the [illegible] many others [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] SUFFERING APPEAL

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[illegible] PAPER WHICH IS A DOLLAR A YEAR, ONLY ONE CENT PER COPY IN BUN[illegible] OF FIVE OR MORE, AND COVERS POSTAGE.

[illegible] THIS OUT. SEND IT TO CHRISTIAN. IT WILL BRING THE REAL [illegible] MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE.

The Silent Sister

[illegible]

By [illegible]

[illegible] this sunset from my room as I dress for dinner." And she disappeared within the door.

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Christmas was near at hand. Jonesville's streets were filled as Arthur Brown walked hurriedly into a drug store and entered a telephone booth. "Two-four-six Main," he said.—"Is this Miss Conklin?—Oh! Miss Anniston, I could tell from hearing your voice." His own [illegible] a little at the spoke. "Will you tell [illegible] talk to you [illegible]

[illegible] Can you [illegible] (Anniston)?—I'll call for you, Miss Conklin."

As Arthur Brown walked toward Miss Conklin's his mind was filled with conflicting emotions. He thought of the sunset stroll on the mountainside, when he had almost betrayed his love for her. "She would not care for me," he thought. "Her interests are not mine. It is foolish to hope it." So his lips resolutely closed his lips. And now she was asking to go with him!

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"You know, those mill people have been on my mind ever since I have been at my aunt's," she said, as they walked rapidly down the street. "I haven't done a bit of shopping since we talk last summer without a twinge of conscience. I know it isn't conventional, but when you told me where you were going, I could not help asking to be allowed to go with you. You know, you promised to take Anne and me, and I'm anxious to see for myself."

"I'm afraid," he replied, "that your conscience will not be any easier for the afternoon's experience." As they talked they were [illegible] down the [illegible] Factory and [illegible] are sometimes strangely [illegible] in our American towns, and Millford was [illegible] of the towns of [illegible] that [illegible] to this conference. The superintendent had told the preacher's [illegible] and [illegible] for the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] to the mills and [illegible] [illegible] the mill people quite.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [

...Only time to speak a few words to...leave me at her door. "Our church...my words strewn on the phenomenon of ...tion," he said, "but I must confess that ...before heard a political speech that ...and feel here at my heart just as I feel ... There is salvation for humanity, and ... I know the way."

He glanced at her. A sudden tremor shook his frame. He took a step forward, and seized her hands. "I see my life work now," he said. "Won't you come with me and help me—sweetheart?"

And as he whispered the last word she looked up at him with a pitiful, queer smile, and he saw that her eyes were wet with tears.

ATTENTION!

A Bugle Call from Wm. H. Wells

"THE OLD GUARD DIES, BUT NEVER SURRENDERS!" And the Christian Socialist does not even die. "We have made other arrangements."

The bravest field officer sometimes has to send back desperate calls for supplies, but that does not mean that he is going to turn tail and run.

Despite the fire in the rear, despite the tactical folly of impossibilist fanatics on one flank and office-hunting opportunists on the other, we are going to keep the banner of Christian Socialism flying and fight straight through the capitalist position.

It is true we need money. We need it badly now; but **WE NEED SUBSCRIPTIONS MORE THAN DONATIONS. WE WANT ONE THOUSAND READERS OF THIS PAPER TO GO OUT THIS WEEK AND GET FIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS EACH AT 10 CENTS AND SEND IN $2.00 TO THIS OFFICE!** This will clear you $1.00 and help this paper greatly.

You can do that.

Oh, you are very busy, are you? Well, you are just the party we are looking for. "When you want to get anything done get a busy person to do it."

For Young Crusaders

Conducted by M. Kathryn Splane, 901 W. Main St., Richmond, Va.

A CHILD'S THOUGHT OF GOD

By Elizabeth Barrett Browning

...y that God lives very high;
If you look above the pines
...annot see our God; and why?

...f you dig down in the mines
...never see Him in the gold;
...gh from Him all that's glory shines.

...is so good He wears a fold
...heaven and earth across His face—
...secrets kept, for love, untold.

...till I feel that His embrace
...ses down by thrills through all things made,
...gh sight and sound of every place;

...f my tender mother laid
...on my shut lips her kisses' pressure,
...breaking me at night, and said,
"Who kissed you through the dark, dear guesser?"

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A GREEK MYTH

...y of our words are taken from other lan... said had their origin in some story or myth ...nds of years old. One of these is the com... word tantalize, which means to excite hope, ...d then get grant the thing desired.

...ago there lived a king of Lydia, named ..., of whom Zeus, the greatest of the ... gods, was the father.

...was a very wealthy king during his life-...when he went to the other world he was ...with his father Zeus, who invited him ... table and told him many secrets. But ... he discovered that Tantalus was not keep... secrets, but was telling them to other ...

...angered his father, and he punished Tan... ...him in the lower world and com... ...to have a raging thirst. He was then ... lake where the water reached his ... ...as he stooped to drink the water ...

The Live Ones

RESPONSES STILL COMING

(Reported by Mrs. Ella Carr)

We are glad to report that part of the debt of the Christian Socialist has vanished because of the kind responses from a number of faithful comrades. But not one-tenth enough has come yet to clear the decks for action. We ought to be able to pay every dollar this paper owes before the old year goes into history. One good comrade from Texas sent his check for $200 which helped lift our load very much and we are exceedingly grateful to him. But we realize that in a very few days now there will be entirely clear water before us. What a great work this paper must do in the next four years! Comrade, do all you can for this great work now.

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Comrade J. K. Mathers of Pennsylvania sent in his renewal and says: "I think there ought to be 2,000 that would give $1.00. Am sure I will in a very short time." How many more will make this same pledge to pay before the old year dies? Even if you must give the one dollar at a sacrifice, will you not some time realize such returns from it that you will wish you had made a much greater effort to spread the truth that will give you the freedom you believe is coming.

Comrade J. B. Rutherford, of California, sends our hearts glad not only with his check for $20.00 but his kind words of praise. He has been having a regular bundle for distribution for a number of years and he renews his bundle order for twenty copies and takes a share of stock. He writes, and he is a writer of books himself, "I consider your paper the best one published in the United States as far as I have had an opportunity to judge. I am a subscriber of twelve different Socialist publications. I would be very sorry to see it go down."

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Comrade A. L. Clampitt, of Missouri, donated $5.00 and believes the friends will surely help and urges us not to let the paper die. We do not intend to let it die. We will do everything in our power to keep it alive. Now there is much hope that all will be well if we can only influence many more to do their part.

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FOR SUB CARDS

Comrade J. H. Lee, of Kansas, has helped many times and now he sends $5.00 for sub cards.

Also Dr. A. F. Green, of Ohio, who has done very much for this paper, orders $10.00 worth of sub cards and says, "The Christian Socialist has too valuable a mission to be spared."

Comrade Frank S. Staples, of Massachusetts, responds with $10.00 for sub cards.

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Subscriptions

Comrade I. S. Stull, of Kansas sent a list of subs, eleven of them for preachers and church members. While on my campaign trip Comrade Stull happened to be on the same train. We both wore our Socialist buttons, and thereby became acquainted. I am always glad to meet the comrades who are workers for the Christian Socialist.

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Comrade Rev. R. M. Webster, of California, says he was moved by our appeal in the Christian Socialist and sent $2.20 for subs.

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...Idaho, does good work. He ...

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R. R. Hay

Letters from Comrade Wm. H. ... Dakota read thus: "The first one ... received. 'I was picked up from ... morning tonight.' The second letter ... says, 'I just took a little run around ... and gathered up a few more subs.' ... ride, we hope our readers will switch ... spirit and act too.

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From Pittsburg, Pa., Comrade L. M. ... was moved to go out to do his part also. He ... our hearts with a nice big list of new subs and ... renewals. His amount was $8.00.

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A Little Effort

Comrade Gilbert Zacher of Oregon made a little effort which resulted in several subs and subs and donations also making $5.50. He promises to do more and says it is the wish of the subscribers that this paper keep up the fight.

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Comrade Henry E. Smith of Washington sends $4.00 and orders a bundle of one hundred copies to distribute.

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Comrade Rev. H. A. Green of Oregon sends $5.00 for subs and says, "This will help our paper out some. I wish I were able to do more."

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Comrade Harry P. Bosson of Massachusetts helps with his check for $10.00.

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Comrade H. B. Meyer of Georgia pays for a share of stock.

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The following list of Comrades have sent from $1.00 to $3.00 as donations or for subs or stock in response to the appeal. Many have also expressed their deep interest in the welfare of the paper with promises to do more.

F. M. Apitzsch, Ohio.
Mrs. H. G. Duvall, Washington, D. C.
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W. H. Quant, Canada.
A. L. McFarlane, Washington.
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S. B. Howard, Illinois.
S. P. Batchelder, Oregon.
F. M. Murchison, Nevada.
George Glass, Washington.
P. [illegible], California.
Mrs. S. H. Coffey, Oklahoma.
[illegible], Texas.
[illegible], Kansas.
[illegible], Georgia.
[illegible], Louisiana.
W. O. Crawford, Minnesota.

MY CAMPAIGN IN KANSAS

(Continued.)

By Mrs. Ella Carr

Arkansas City

Sept. 30 I reached Arkansas City hereby in time to fill my date after having had to ride twenty miles in an auto around a railroad wreck to get my train. As Comrade A. J. Miller wrote up this meeting I will quote from his report, which appeared in the city paper:

"A good-sized audience greeted Mrs. Carr at the Christian Church. The pastor with a few well-timed remarks introduced the speaker and announced himself in favor of opening the church to the use of those who sought by their labors to help lift mankind to a higher and better plane of existence than they now occupy.

"Mrs. Carr delivered a very interesting address on Socialism from a Christian viewpoint, quoting much reading from the Scriptures to substantiate her statement and in doing so she certainly opened up a new channel of thought for those who had never given the subject any consideration. She held her audience to the end of her lecture and received hearty applause from time to time as she so earnestly and fervently plead the cause of the poor and unfortunate of God's children.

"The meeting was a grand success and all who attended seemed to feel glad that they had been there. The audience was entertained by Company A, Ausmus' Mandolin Club, accompanied by Miss Brewer, pianist.

"The success of the meeting was largely due to the active interest and untiring efforts of Comrade E. E. Johnson."

At the close a number came forward to express their interest and warmed my heart with their approval.

Winfield

October 1, I spoke here in the Council Chamber of the city building to the largest audience (as comrade said) that greeted a Socialist speaker in Winfield. Comrade Ethel Whitehead spoke in an auto in the afternoon to a goodly number of people on the street and in the evening she addressed the women for half an hour previous to my speech on organization. Comrade Whitehead has been doing much good, especially among the women in the campaign.

I spoke for two hours, giving Socialism from a Christian viewpoint, and quoting the Scriptures as I went. Comrade Cowley, the pastor of the church used, said it was the most Scriptural speech he had heard.

Comrades Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] were with me in this

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Please do not send [illegible] subscription of [illegible] stamps, [illegible] 25c. [illegible] 50c. [illegible] 20c. [illegible] 10c. [illegible] 5c. [illegible] 2c. [illegible] 1c. [illegible] Use your brains, publishers always [illegible] of cupons orders.

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The Christian Socialist is run by sacrifice. Those who publish it have not only given more money than any others, but they have given thousands of dollars worth of unpaid labor besides. It is for the paper, not ourselves, we ask that you make a present to it of the price of one or more shares of stock ($10 per share) for a Christmas gift. Churches and other societies may be represented by fraternal officers. The

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The best Christmas gift you can possibly send your friend is a subscription to the Christian Socialist for 1913 for 60 cents—if you subscribe NOW it will run to Feb. 1, 1914. Make two friends happy—two annual subs for $1. You have more friends than that? Very well—five subs for $2. This is the limit of reduction in price, but you may have as many annual subs as you desire at the same rate. Be a real Santa Claus this year and make your friends, yourself and the C. S. publishers happy. Now is the time—this week.

AN ATTRACTIVE PLAN

A copy of the Episcopal Special Edition of the Christian Socialist handed to the people coming from church on the Sunday morning before Christmas with the cheery words, "A Happy Christmas to you," or words to that effect, would be an attractive method of winning their attention to Socialism this year. Get a bundle and help spread the real Christmas message.

Also try the Business Special on your business acquaintances, small and great. Utilize the holiday spirit and season to spread Socialism.

A MONUMENT TO HIMSELF

Andrew Carnegie is trying to erect another monument to himself by providing money to furnish a pension of $25,000 per year to ex-presidents of the U. S. or their widows.

When a man has had a salary of $[illegible] per year, $25,000.00 per year besides for incidental expenses and a mansion to live in free of rent, for a period of four years or more, he ought not to be a pauper. And if he must receive a pension, let the U. S. government give it, not a private millionaire whose money

Carnegie should be [illegible] ridicule and condemnation [illegible] bitious, stage-play "[illegible]

If he really wants to [illegible] there are many ways [illegible] his money for the poor. [illegible] find these ways, let him [illegible] "weep and howl for the [illegible] come upon him" on account of [illegible] and ill-used wealth.

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A HINT NOT [illegible]

Mr. Andrew Carnegie is [illegible] of which he is unconscious. You [illegible] scious. He is reducing to [illegible] that any single man should be [illegible] unlimited dominion over hundreds of [illegible] lars. If someone wants to [illegible] to itself to devise a better way than [illegible] the selection of trustees.—Chicago [illegible]

$75.00 IN [illegible]

Short Story Contest Extended [illegible] 1913

Owing to the fact that the [illegible] Story Contest did not [illegible] intended, and other [illegible] left out of the [illegible] decided to extend the [illegible] tant to February 1, 1913. [illegible] weeks longer and will [illegible] another to its former [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] are much of longer [illegible]

Therefore sharpen [illegible] cils and write the best [illegible]

PRIZES [illegible]

Larger Prizes and More [illegible]

Another prize contest [illegible] the Christian Socialist will [illegible] prizes and larger prizes [illegible] in my former contest.

The First Prize will be [illegible] $20.00, Third Prize, [illegible] Fifth Prize, $5.00. All [illegible] will receive one annual [illegible] Socialist, besides honorable [illegible]

Carefully note the conditions [illegible] get to work at once.

Conditions of Contest.

This contest is open to both [illegible] all ages. The conditions are as follows:

1. The story must be [illegible] Christian Socialism.

2. It must be not less than [illegible] words long.

3. It must be written in [illegible] paper, on one side of the [illegible] writer, or in plain, [illegible] ing ample space between [illegible]

4. The morality and [illegible] the entire contest. [illegible] fection of the language [illegible] merit will count [illegible] the four main points upon [illegible] be rendered.

Avoid imitating the style of [illegible] stories. We want original [illegible]

5. All manuscripts for this [illegible] Christian Socialist, [illegible] The author's name [illegible] your story over the [illegible] [illegible] and address [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

6. The [illegible]

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International Sunday School Lessons

Notes by George Mark Whicher, Ph. D., President Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

The writer of these notes will get out a small quarterly S. S. Lesson leaflet to be sold by the dozen or hundred at nominal cost, beginning with 1917, if enough interest is shown by those who have been following these notes.

Those who desire these lessons leaflets in classes of five or more, may address the writer at Rollins, Fla., so that he may know whether to publish the leaflets.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR DECEMBER 3.

Matt. 18:1-14.

I. Rebuking Governments that Prevent the Rising by

1. Giving an object lesson to ambitious politicians. (Verses 1-4.)

2. Warning law-makers and governments that discriminate against government by force exerted by the strong. (Verses 6-7.)

3. Exhorting to abandon power (hand), progress (foot), and magnificence (eye), so far as they are means of exploitation of the weak. (Verses 8-9.)

II. Rebuking Governments that Trample on the Weak by

1. Teaching that all distinctions of rank and pride and power must be abandoned as a condition for the beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. (Verses 1-3.)

2. Teaching that the weak and despised in the Old Order have such a friend at least in the New. (Verse 10.)

3. Teaching that the mission of the Messiah was to restore to their share in government those that had become as sheep without a shepherd or a fold.

The standard comments treat this lesson as teaching the importance of child life and its care and culture; and yet not a word is said in connection about child labor, city provision for children, the responsibility of government for children of the drift, outwith the first time they admit that the conversation reached in the lesson grew out of the picking of children by Jesus; Jesus gave His disciples no counsel as to what should be done in this matter, but left the principles of which the treatment of almost every conceivable question in the realm of child life depends. Instead of taking this typical lesson from [illegible] and applying it to the [illegible] of children, they have taken the [illegible] and applied it to the [illegible] of political and economic life. Now, while the individual life, so far as they [illegible] to the individual, the primary purpose of lessons such as this drops out of sight if the treatment of them is not primarily social and economic.

Division I.

1. The word "converted," in verse 3, as indicated by the new translation in which reads, "Except ye turn" does not mean some mysterious spiritual experience; but simply reversal of the old ideal of government and the adoption of the new ideal, which is the opposite of the old in every particular. And this was necessary for entrance into this new Kingdom which was to be a new social order, with a new system of government; it was not simply a church or religious society, nor a heavenly condition in the hereafter —nor yet an individual condition of the heart, although the acceptance of the new social ideal would, and often does, transform the moral and spiritual individual condition. For the proper translation of the sentence, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you," is "in your midst," as indicated in the margin, even of the King James version.

2. The words "one such," in verse 5 indicate clearly that Jesus was using the child simply as an example of the common elements of society who had become his followers and when as a shepherd, needed the protection which the new order would bring; and who, never having possessed property, were unused to practical economics and never having [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] of